



## Ground Glass Pozzolans

**A proven and cost-effective low-carbon, high-performance solution for concrete**

Urban Mining Industries produces Pozzotive®, a ground glass cement replacement made from post-consumer glass. It is a proven, safer, sustainable and higher-performing material that dramatically reduces embodied CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in concrete

O&G Industries is Connecticut's largest privately-held construction company and one of the Northeast's leading providers of construction services and products. The company owns and operates a network of ready-mix concrete and asphalt plants, quarries, and supply yards

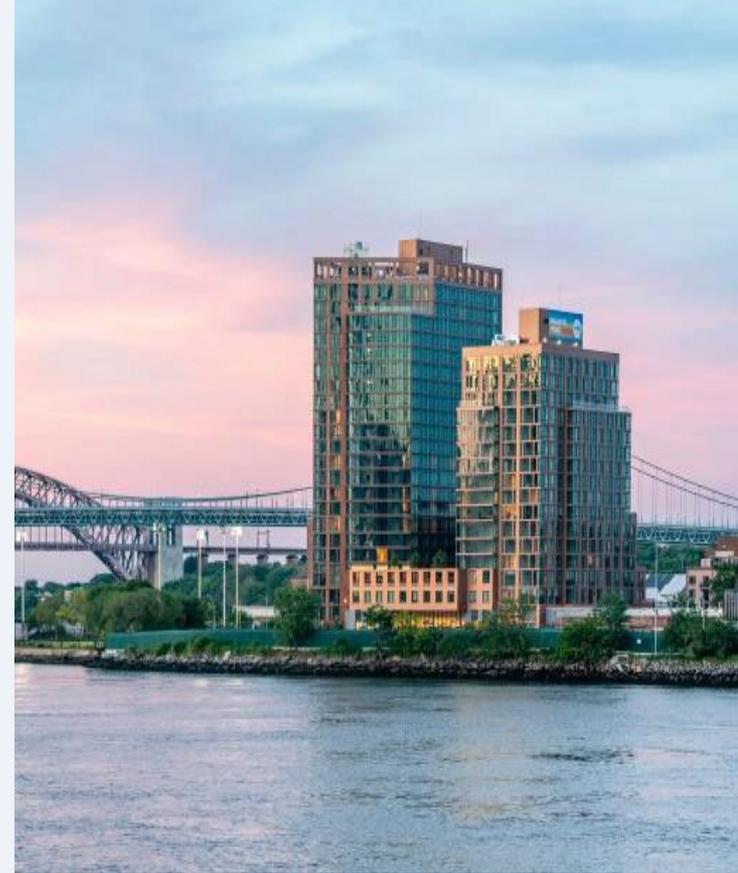


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Halletts Point, the first high-rise built with a ground glass pozzolan in the concrete mix

# What's a Pozzolan?

- A pozzolan is a fine powder that, by itself, is not cementitious but, when mixed with water and portland cement, becomes cementitious.
- Pozzolans are essential to making stronger and more durable high-performance concrete.
- Ground Glass Pozzolans (GGP) not only create a low-carbon, high-performance concrete, they solve the challenge of what to do with our nation's unwanted recycled glass.



# How does it work?

- When cement hydrates in a concrete mixture with aggregates:
- Calcium-silicate-hydrate (C-S-H or the good stuff) is formed. It's what binds the overall concrete mix.
- Calcium hydroxide (CH or the bad stuff) is also formed. It weakens the concrete and causes porosity.
- Pozzolans react with deleterious CH, converting it to additional beneficial C-S-H, by giving up a silica atom and creating stronger and more durable concrete. Glass is about 72% SiO<sub>2</sub>.



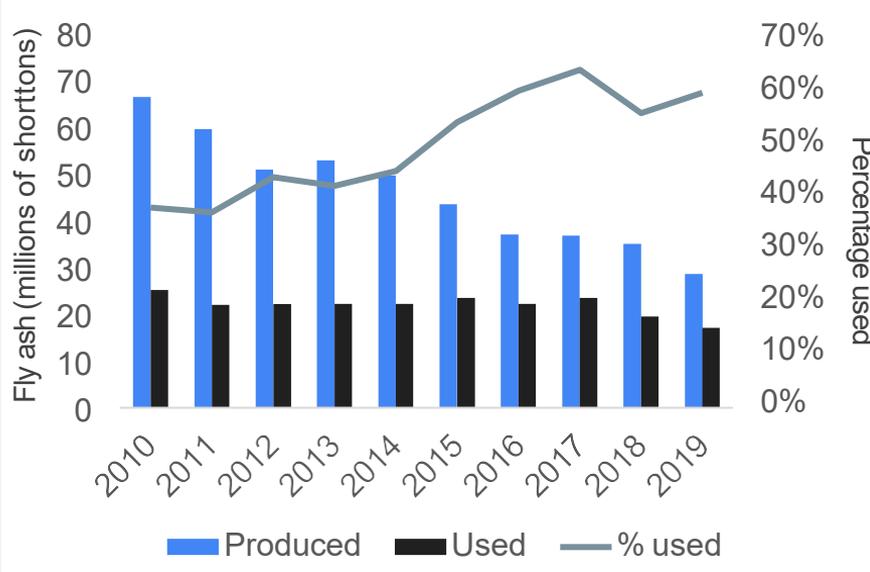
# The Ongoing Glass Challenge

- **8M+ tons** of non-degradable post-consumer glass is sent to landfills every year in the U.S.
- **Only about a third of glass is recycled** in the U.S. The majority is redemption glass.
- **Single stream recycling in the US is the most convenient for consumers but more challenging for processors.** Bottle manufacturers require a minimum size for color segregation and ceramics and porcelains removed from comingled collections.
- Many times, **transporting the heavy, low value commodity beyond its metro area is cost prohibitive.**

# Why Now: Decline of traditional cement replacements drives demand for new and cleaner alternatives

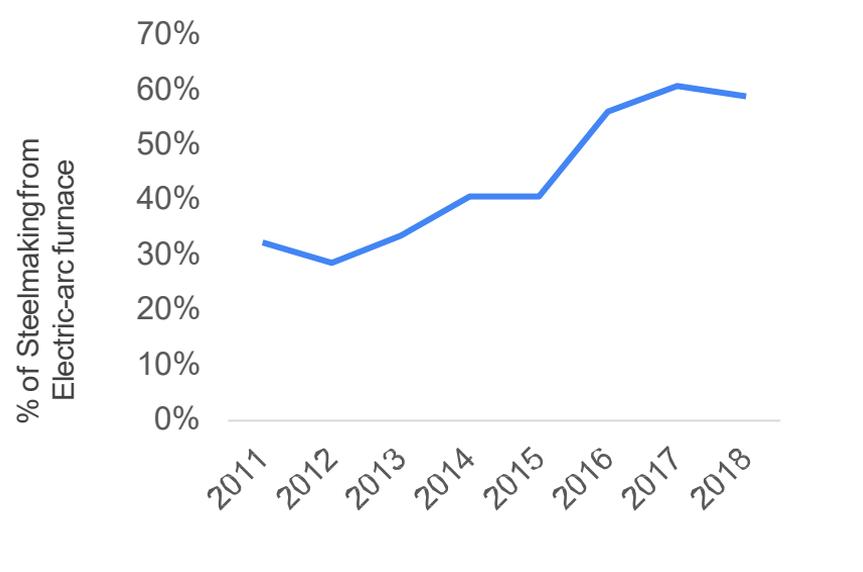
## Available fly ash is steadily declining

Fly ash global production and usage



Source: American Iron and Steel Institute, 2019.

## Conversions to Electric-arc furnaces are reducing the availability of slag



Source: Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, World Steel Assoc., 2020.

# Think Planet and Performance with Glass Pozzolans



**1. Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by ~95%+**  
Low energy intensity process versus cement



**2. Reduces waste**  
Uses post-consumer glass in any color or size and ceramics



**3. Reduces “heat island” effect**  
Lighter material that increases reflectivity



**4. Creates stronger concrete**  
Better performing, low-carbon concrete at no additional cost



**5. Increases concrete life**  
5X more resistant to chloride and moisture penetration



**6. Safer material**  
Free of crystalline silica, a carcinogen, and toxic heavy metals

# Promoting a circular economy



## 1. Used

Glass is valued for holding the strength, safety, aroma and flavors of products



## 2. Disposed

Glass and ceramic are sent to local material recovery facility



## 3. Transformed

Processed glass and ceramic is used to produce Pozzotive®



## 4. Reused

Up to 50% of cement is replaced with Pozzotive® in concrete





# Cement/Concrete in America

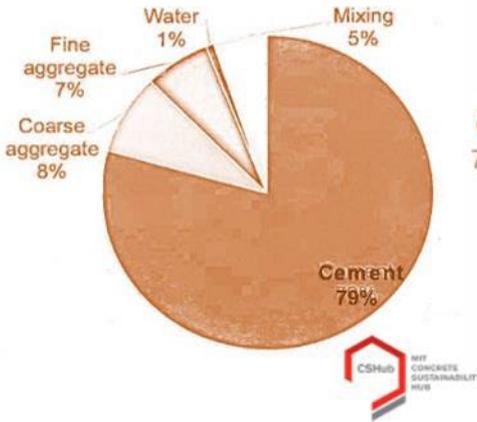
- What's the difference between the two?
- The US uses over 100 million tons of cement a year.
- Concrete usage worldwide, ton for ton, is twice that of steel, wood, plastics, and aluminum combined.
- It's critical for the rebuilding of American infrastructure and is by far the most disaster-resilient material.
- Longer lasting materials = less maintenance. It is non-combustible, and does not rot, warp or mold.
- High-performance concrete typically requires supplemental cementitious materials –historically, Fly Ash, and to a lesser extent -silica fume and metakaolin.
- But concrete does have its environmental challenges.

# Cement's disproportionate impact in concrete

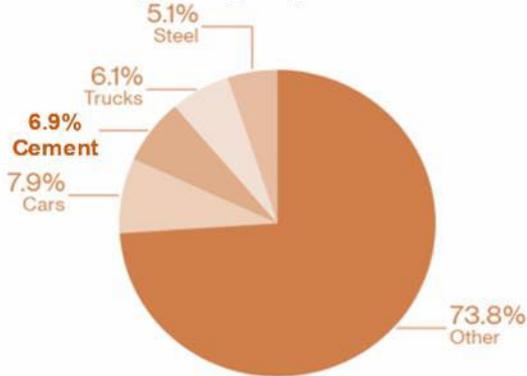
In a concrete mix,  
by **mass**



In a concrete mix,  
by **GHG**



In the world,  
by **CO<sub>2</sub> impact**



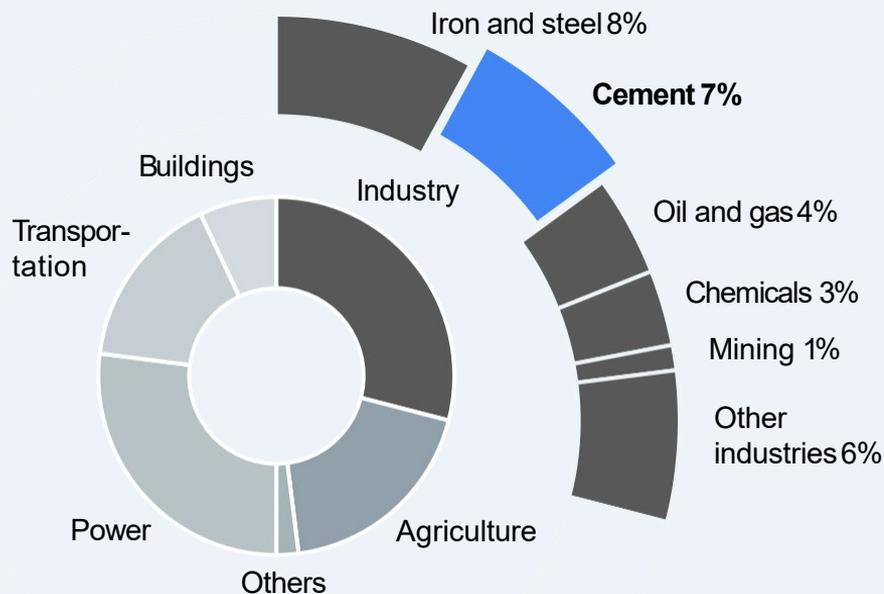
Source: [IEA WEO 2018 via Bloomberg](#)



# The cement and concrete industries need new and affordable technologies to fight climate change

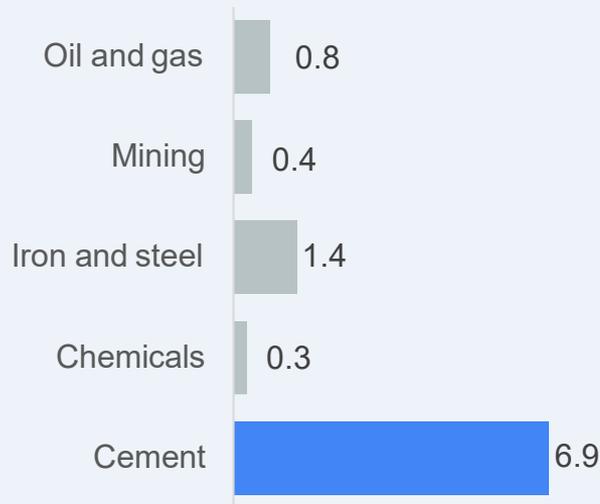
## Cement is one of the largest CO<sub>2</sub> emitters

Share of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



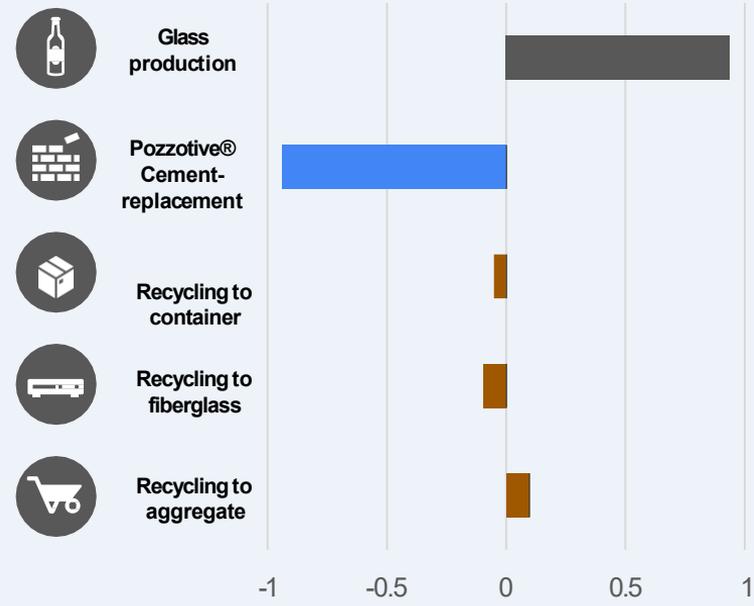
## Cement generates the most CO<sub>2</sub> per \$ of revenue

Kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per \$ of product sales



# The positive climate impact of glass-to-concrete is over 5x the alternatives

CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent impact comparison per ton of product



**12+M**

tons of glass is generated annually in the US

**GHG potential reduction**

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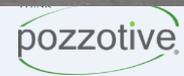
**M tons**  
If all back to bottles

**11+**

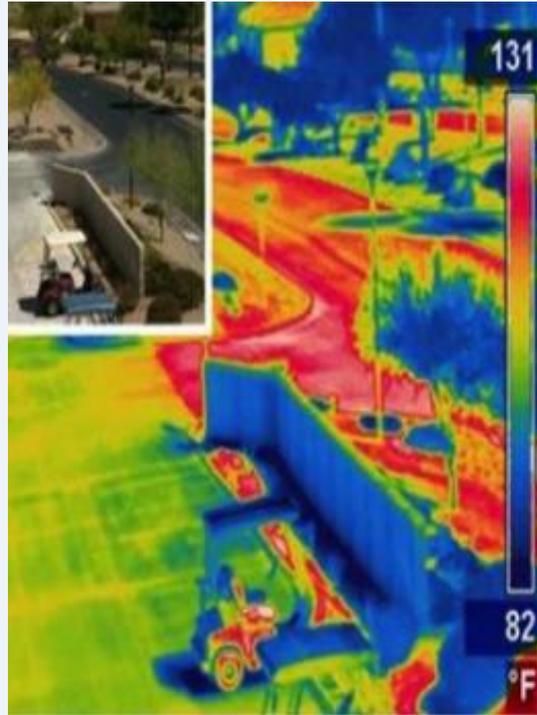
**M tons**  
if all is used for Pozzotive®



Source: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



# Lighter color significantly reduces the heat island effect



- The lighter color of Pozzotive® reduces the harmful urban Heat Island effect by reducing air temperatures
- Building operations generate 3x more emissions than construction
- Creating cool white rooftops, floors and building surfaces lower energy use in buildings by reducing both cooling and lighting needs

# 42% reduction in concrete's carbon footprint

Cradle to Gate GWP (kg CO<sub>2</sub>e) per cubic yard of a 9,000 psi mix design with and without Pozzotive®

Material	Units	Quantity/Cubic Yard	
		W/out Pozzotive	With Pozzotive
Type I/II Cement	lb	850	425
Pozzotive	lb	-	425
Sand	lb	1,150	1,150
Stone 1	lb	1,000	1,000
Stone 2	lb	700	700
Water	Gal	34.7	34.7
Admix1	fl.oz	46.8	46.8
Admix2	fl.oz	17.0	17.0
Admix3	fl.oz	25.5	25.5
GWP (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)		<b>625.0</b>	<b>361.0</b>
28-day break (psi)			<b>9,623</b>
56-day break (psi)			<b>12,852</b>

A 50% replacement of cement in a 9,000-psi concrete mix design yielded a 42% reduction in the concrete carbon footprint.

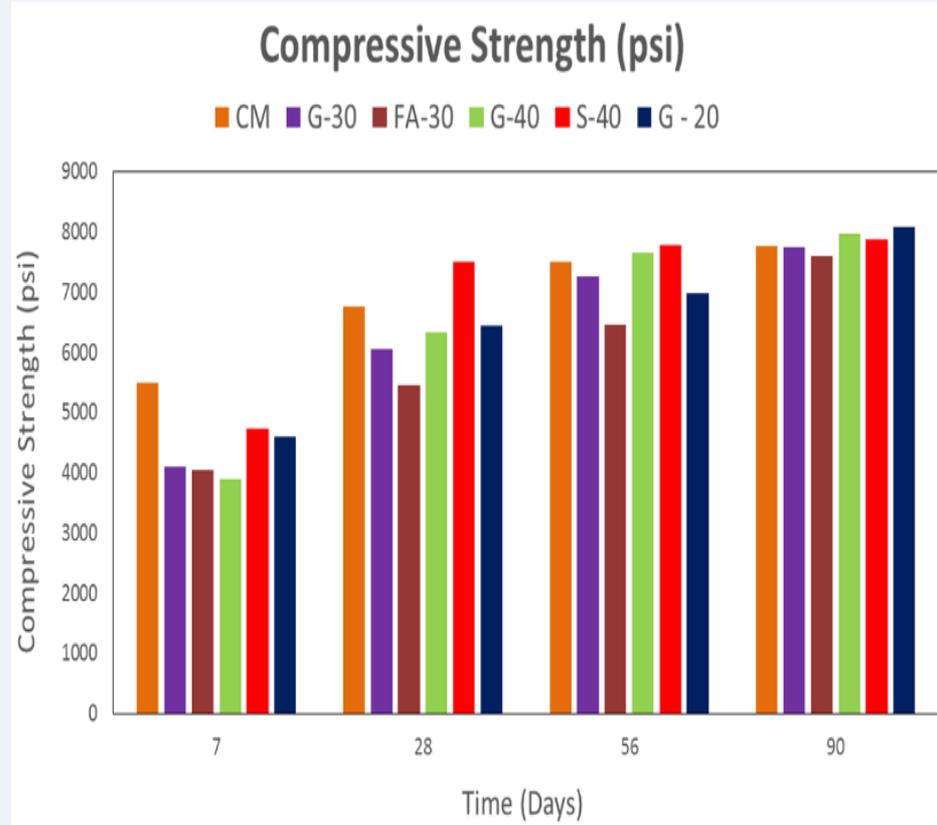
The 28-day break was 9,623 psi and the 56-day break was 12,852 – outstanding strength performance

The protection against Chloride is more than 5x that of cement-only concrete

Rapid Chloride Permeability Test (ASTM C1202)

Concrete Mix	Coulombs
Cement only	1,617
40% of cement replaced with slag	1,100
30% of cement replaced with fly ash	500
20% of cement replaced with Pozzotive	456
30% of cement replaced with Pozzotive	436
40% of cement replaced with Pozzotive	282

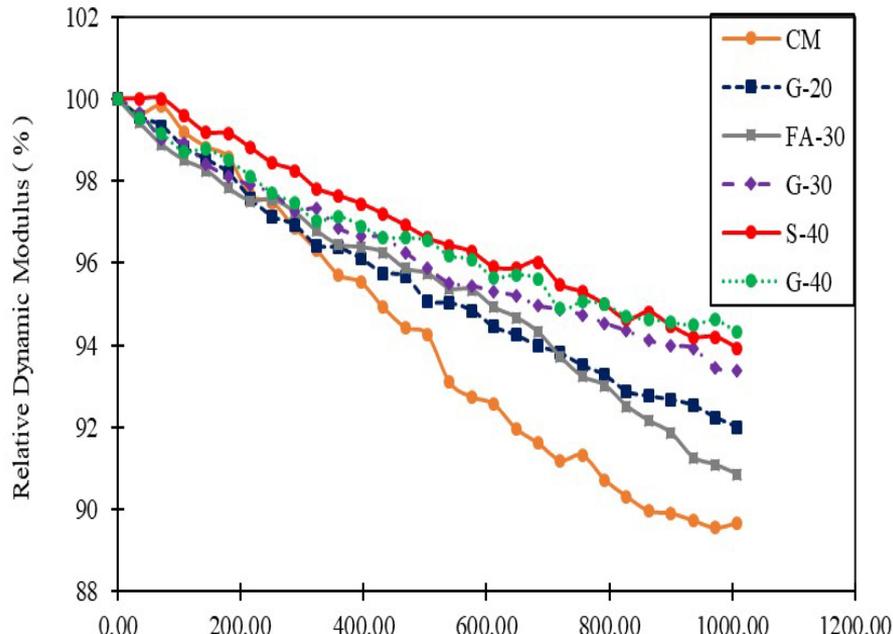
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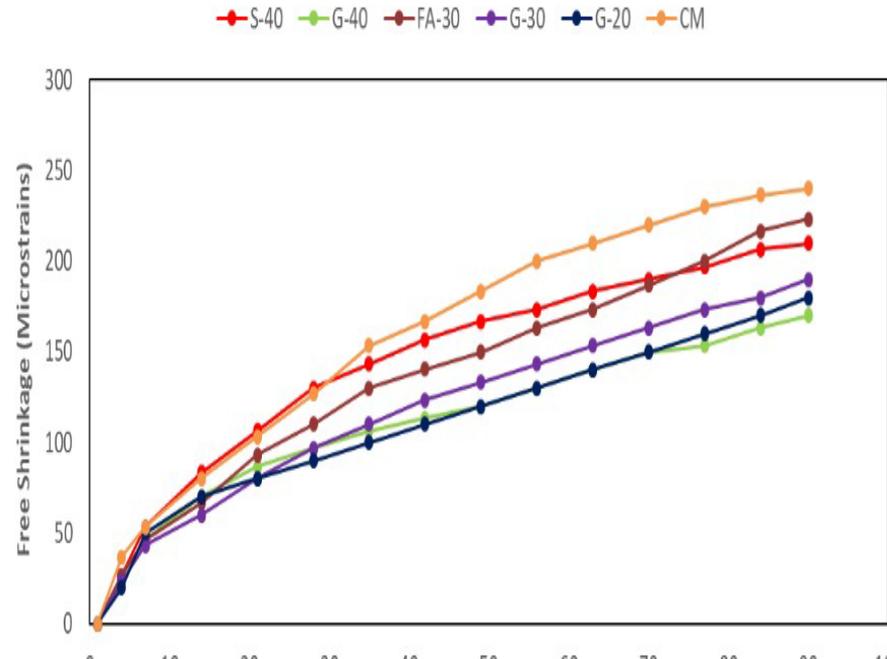
After 1,000 freeze-thaw cycles, mass loss was less than 1%; no visible cracks or scaling;

GGP mixes significantly reduced concrete shrinkage vs. mixes with cement only, fly ash and slag

Relative Dynamic Modulus of Elasticity vs Number of Cycles



Free Shrinkage



# ASTM C1866 Specification

This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established through the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.



Designation: C1866/C1866M - 20

## Standard Specification for Ground-Glass Pozzolan for Use in Concrete<sup>1</sup>

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C1866/C1866M; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last approval. A superscript epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers ground-glass pozzolans for use in concrete where pozzolanic action is desired. This specification applies to ground glass from sources that consist of container glass, plate glass, or E-glass.

1.2 The standard references notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard. If required, results obtained from another system are not reported in the same system of units as used by this standard. It is permitted to convert those results using the conversion factors found in the SI Quick Reference Guide.<sup>2</sup>

1.4 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.5 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers in Trade (TBT) Committee.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C09 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C09.24 on Supplementary Cementitious Materials. Current edition approved Feb. 15, 2020. Published March 2020. DOI: 10.1520/C1866-20.

<sup>2</sup> Annex A in Form and Style for ASTM Standards, www.astm.org/CUMMINT/Blue\_Book.pdf.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary pages on the ASTM website.

C109/C109M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars (Using 2-in. or [50-mm] Cube Specimens)

C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

C150/C150M Specification for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement ingregates

C204 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Fly Ash-Permeability Apparatus

C311/C311M Test Methods for Use in Portland-Cement Ash or Natural Pozzolans for Use in Concrete

C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete

C1069 Test Method for Nitrogen Adsorption

C1293 Test Method for Determination of Length Change of Concrete Due to Alkali-Silica Reaction

C1567 Test Method for Determination of Potential Alkali-Silica Reactivity of Combinations of Cementitious Materials and Aggregate (Accelerated Mortar-Bar Method)

C1778 Guide for Reducing the Risk of Deleterious Alkali-Aggregate Reaction in Concrete

2.2 ACI Standards:<sup>4</sup>

318-2019 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary

2.3 CSA Standards:<sup>5</sup>

A3003 Test Methods for Cementitious Materials for Use in Concrete and Masonry (Contained in CSA A3000 Cementitious Materials Compendium)

A3004-A4 Glass Content by the modified McMaster method (Contained in CSA A3000 Cementitious Materials Compendium)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definition of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology C125.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *container glass*, *n*—recycled soda-lime-silica glass material that is derived from bottles, jars, and other glass

<sup>4</sup> www.concrete.org/resources  
<sup>5</sup> https://csta.ca/concrete.org/

## Ground-Glass Pozzolan for Use in Concrete

Members of ASTM Subcommittee C09.24 summarize industry context behind new ASTM standard specification

by Amanda Kaminsky, Marja Krstic, Prasad Rangaraju, Arezki Tagnit-Hamou, and Michael D.A. Thomas

The construction sector is continually seeking new sources of supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) to augment the portland cement, fly ash, slag cement, and silica fume used in modern concrete mixtures. Extensive research and testing have shown that several types of ground glass will perform well as a pozzolan in concrete. Reported by those results, ASTM Subcommittee C09.24, Supplementary Cementitious Materials, has drafted ASTM C1866/C1866M-20, "Standard Specification for Ground-Glass Pozzolan for Use in Concrete." The new specification was published earlier this year, after 3-1/2 years of balloting by the committee. This article provides much of the background information and industry context that informed the balloting.

Production of a major source of greenhouse gases (GHGs) can reduce the environmental impact of concrete. Recycling can reduce the environmental impact of concrete. Ground glass (7.6 million tonnes) of container glass is recycled annually in the United States (almost triple the amount recycled). A significant resource is therefore available. A preliminary, third-party life-cycle assessment of one ground-glass pozzolan (GGP) producer's product shows that the global warming potential (GWP) of GGP is 0.9 tonnes of GGP is 56 kg (123 lb) CO<sub>2</sub>e. The U.S. industry average GWP for portland cement is 0.9 tonnes of GGP is 2794 lb CO<sub>2</sub>e. Thus, the GWP calculated for the New York City project concrete mixture with 50% GGP is 40% less than the GWP for a concrete mixture with cement only.

### Glass Sources and Chemistry

Much of the glass produced in the world is one of the following types:

- Container glass (used in packaging)—This material is

generally soda-lime glass produced in flint (clear), green, blue, or amber colors and formed by air pressure in molds, and Fig. 1 contextualizes GGP versus ordinary portland cement (OPC) and other SCMs. Although the chemistry of E-glass is quite different from the chemistry of container or plate glass, all three glass types have been shown to be suitable for use as a pozzolan in portland cement concrete. Also, because of the controlled processes used to manufacture these glass types, each has a very uniform chemistry worldwide, as demonstrated by the standard deviation reported in Table 2 for container glass chemistry.

The subcommittee members agreed that the three glass sources listed in ASTM C1866/C1866M are produced in sufficient quantities to provide viable resources for concrete production. The subcommittee also agreed that ground glass could be used safely. Glass production is regulated to limit toxic materials content, and the glasses listed in the standard are not included on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) lists of hazardous wastes.<sup>6</sup> Further, the glass pozzolan sources are composed of amorphous silica. Unlike crystalline silica, amorphous silica has not been found to produce cancer in lung tissue.<sup>10,11</sup> However, as with all nonhazardous wastes, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provides permissible exposure levels (PEL) for amorphous



# Pozzotive® GGP used across a wide range of applications

More than 120,000 yd<sup>3</sup> of cast-in-place concrete including the first ever high-rise structural pour



10 million+ architectural and structural concrete masonry units



500,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of pre-stressed concrete planks



Nearly 750,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of pavers



# Local Glass Back To Local, Low Carbon Projects



# Select flagship applications of a Ground Glass Pozzolan



**Construction**  
United Nations Plaza – New York, NY  
**Application**  
Pavers and Architectural CMU made from 60 tons of windows glass harvested from the UN General Assembly Building specified by diDomenico + Partners  
**GGP utilized**  
60 tons in UN Plaza + other projects  
**Total CO<sub>2</sub>savings**  
57 tons



**Construction**  
2nd Ave Subway – New York, NY  
**Application**  
30% GGP replacement in CMU for construction of every station on the subway line specified by AECOM  
**GGP utilized**  
1,050 tons  
**Total CO<sub>2</sub>savings**  
998 tons



**Construction**  
New headquarters for JPMorgan Chase – 270 Park Ave, New York, NY  
**Application**  
40%+ GGP replacement in building floor slabs and CMU specified by Severerud Associates  
**GGP utilized**  
5,375 tons  
**Total CO<sub>2</sub>savings**  
5,106 tons



**Construction**  
Halletts Point + Halletts Point 20-30  
**Application**  
50% GGP replacement in structural concrete specified by Severerud Associates  
**GGP utilized**  
7,000 tons  
**Total CO<sub>2</sub>savings**  
6,650 tons

# Providing Low Carbon Concrete Solutions Nationally



## Why GGP Pozzolans Now?

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- ✓ Urgency to significantly reduce GHG emissions from the manufacturing of cement and to better use waste glass
- ✓ New ASTM standard makes it easier to specify Pozzotive®
- ✓ Diminishing supply of primary historic alternatives, i.e. fly ash and slag while demand and prices increase
- ✓ Contributing broadly to Envision & LEED certification

## What Can You Do?

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- ✓ Keep glass in your collection streams and keep track of it!
- ✓ Specify high-performance, low-carbon concrete and concrete-based products using a ground glass pozzolan for new projects in our towns and communities to:
  - Help solve the challenges of waste glass;
  - Significantly reduce the carbon footprint of concrete while enhance its performance
  - Extend the life of our nation's infrastructure.

# Thank you!



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